# Mountain Weather Forecast

## Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 01 Jan 2025 until 23:59 on Thursday 02 Jan 2025

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 31 Dec 2024 at 15:20

**Confidence:** High for turning to a cold north to northwest flow on New Year's Day, but medium for the detail, particularly for Sunday

**Headline for Wednesday 01 Jan 2025:** Period of rain, summit snow, clearing to showers during afternoon, these increasingly wintry later. Severe wind chill developing in fresh to strong summit winds as freezing level lowers.

**Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 01 Jan 2025**

**Blizzards**
No Likelihood

**Gales**
Low Likelihood

**Thunderstorms**
No Likelihood

**Heavy persistent snow**
No Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**
Low Likelihood

**Heavy persistent rain**
No Likelihood

**Storm force winds**
No Likelihood

**Poor visibility**
Medium Likelihood

**Strong sunlight**
No Likelihood

**Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m**

| Time | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 00:00 | 03:00 | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| Light rain | Heavy Rain | Heavy Rain | Sleet | Light snow | Light snow | Partly cloudy (night) | Partly cloudy (night) |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | | | |
| 30% | 70% | 80% | 90% | 70% | 40% | 20% | 10% |

**Forecast for Wednesday 01 Jan 2025**

**Weather:** Occasional rain overnight and through the morning, turning heavy at times and wintry over highest peaks around dawn, and down to 600m by noon. Rain and snow clearing to showers during the afternoon, with outbreaks dwindling mid to late evening. Snow level 600m at dawn, descending to all levels for the evening.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m:** Less than 10% becoming 60% by early afternoon, then 80% late evening

**Low cloud and visibility:** Good or very good falling moderate or poor in rain, very poor in snow and within cloud with bases extensive from 450m at first, lifting and breaking during the afternoon.

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**Forecast for Wednesday 01 Jan 2025**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) | | | | | Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 00:00 | 03:00 | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **600** | 41/55 SW | 42/57 SW | 42/57 SW | 23/32 W | 22/31 W | 18/26 W | 16/23 NW | 13/19 NW | 12/18 N |
| **300** | 26/51 SW | 26/52 SW | 26/51 SW | 14/27 W | 14/27 W | 11/22 W | 9/19 W | 6/13 NW | 5/12 N |
| **Valley** | 22/49 SW | 23/50 SW | 22/49 SW | 13/27 W | 12/26 W | 10/21 W | 8/18 W | 5/12 NW | 4/11 N |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 00:00 | 03:00 | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **600** | 7/0 | 7/0 | 7/0 | 3/-4 | 2/-5 | 2/-4 | 1/-5 | 0/-5 | -1/-6 |
| **300** | 9/4 | 9/4 | 9/4 | 5/0 | 4/-1 | 4/0 | 3/-0 | 2/-1 | 0/-2 |
| **Valley** | 10/6 | 10/6 | 9/5 | 6/2 | 4/1 | 5/1 | 4/1 | 2/0 | 1/-2 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 1800m | 1800m | 1900m | 1000m | 800m | 800m | 700m | 600m | 400m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Meteorologist's View**

The best of conditions, currently projected for the afternoon, has a medium confidence level with some remaining uncertainty for the timing of the clearance from mid-day.

**Recent rainfall:** measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

| Recorded at | Last 24 hours: | Last 48 hours: | Last 72 hours: |
|---|---|---|---|
| 15:00 on Tue 31 Dec 2024 | 4.2mm | 5.8mm | 6.2mm |

**Forecast for Thursday 02 Jan 2025**

**Weather:** Ice patches on the approaches slow to clear and returning later in the day. Scattered wintry showers in the far west, otherwise largely dry. Cold despite the plentiful spells of weak winter sunshine.

**Maximum wind:** North to northwest 15-20mph

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m:** 70% in far west, 90% elsewhere

**Low cloud and visibility:** Generally very good to excellent

**Temperature:** **Valleys:** Minus 3 Celsius lifting 4 Celsius for the afternoon
**At 600m:** Minus 4-5 Celsius
**Freezing level:** To low levels

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